



Draw a line from each sentence to the person or persons who did it.

1. Early Sunday morning, I came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been moved.
2. I saw Mary crying in the garden and called her by name.
3. I ran to tell Peter that I didn't know where Jesus' body was.
4. We ran to the tomb to see what had happened.
5. We asked Pilate for permission to bury Jesus.



JOSEPH AND NICODEMUS



MARY MAGDALENE



PETER AND JOHN



JESUS

## Bible Quiz – 04

"You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish." Who made this statement?

- a. Caiaphas, b. Pontius Pilate, c. Herod, d. Tiberius

Send your answer to [mfgcchronicle@gmail.com](mailto:mfgcchronicle@gmail.com)

## Bible Quiz - 03 – Champs

Adrin Alias – 07 yrs, Anjalin Grace Itty – 12 yrs  
 Clifflen Robinson – 11 yrs, Sharon Rinu – 07 yrs  
 BQ – 03 answer: 7

## First Time Visitor

Welcome to the MFGC Family!

We believe that you came here neither by chance nor by yourself, but God has brought you here with a great purpose. We are glad to see you today and we thank you for joining us for worship. Please join us in the coming days, as we commit our lives in prayer, lift our hearts in worship, and extend our hands to serve in His name.

## MFGC Chronicle

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## Church Program Schedule

### Friday Worship

Holy Trinity Church, Dubai

Malayalam Service - 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Children's English Service - 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Scripture Class - 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

### Thursday Worship

Holy Trinity Church, Dubai

English Service - 8:45 PM to 10:45 PM

### Bible Study

Holy Trinity Church, Dubai

Malayalam - Mon - 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM

English - Wed - 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM

St. Martin's Church, Sharjah

Wed - 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM

### B.Th Class

Holy Trinity Church, Dubai

Sat - 8:30 PM to 10:30 PM

### Care Cell Meeting

Various locations

### Ladies Meeting

Sharjah parsonage

Sat - 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Except 1st Sat of the month

### Personal Counselling

Sharjah parsonage

Thu - 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM

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## Shepherd's Voice

### The Gift of Forgiveness – Luke 23:34

The gospels tell us that Jesus, during the last six hours of his life, uttered seven statements:

- Father forgive them, for they know do not know what they are doing (Luke 23:34)
- Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise (Luke 23:43)
- Woman, behold your son: behold your mother (John 19:26-27).
- My God, My God, why have you forsaken me, (Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34).
- I thirst (John 19:28).
- It is finished (John 19:30).
- Father, into your hands I commit my spirit (Luke 23:46).



The first word of Jesus on the cross was His prayer for forgiveness of those who crucified him - Caiaphas, Pilate, the Roman soldiers and all those who were involved in His crucifixion. They crucified Jesus out of ignorance – Acts 3:17. If they had known what they were doing or Who they were crucifying they wouldn't have done that - 1 Cor 2:8. Even today, this applies to many of us, who daily forget Him in our lives, as we crucify our Lord out of ignorance, through our words and deeds.

Jesus displayed forgiveness even on the cross. At the height of His physical suffering, His divine love prevailed and He asked His Father to forgive His

enemies. When asked by Peter, how many times should we forgive someone, Jesus answered seventy times seven (Matthew 18:21-22). God expects us to forgive those who have wronged us. He expects us to forgive and pray for our enemies just as Jesus did on the cross. What differentiates a Christian from the rest of the world is the love and forgiveness reflected through our lives.

Forgiveness opens the way for salvation. That's the point of the cross, after all. Jesus died so that we might be forgiven our sins, that we might be reconciled to God for eternity.

Pastor Juxy Mathew

## Editor's desk

### Trusting God's Silence

There are times in our journey with God that He is silent, when we long to hear even a whisper from Him. When we wonder if God has forsaken us, when we start doubting His promises, when we start doubting ourselves – have we sinned, have we caused His displeasure that He doesn't answer us anymore?

We often take God's silence as a sign of disapproval, a sign that God has deserted us to cope with the situation by ourselves. Just when we need the loudest and clearest answers, the silence can seem most overwhelming and frustrating.

God was silent for 400 years, but then came the voice shouting in the wilderness and shortly thereafter, the graceful voice of the One who came from the Father. That home in Bethany was silent for two days and then there was the shout, "Lazarus, come out!"

When we struggle with God's silence, can we stop blaming God and ourselves? Can we believe that He is there with us and for us even when we don't hear an answer when we cry out? Scratched on the wall of a German concentration camp, were the words, "I believe in the Sun, even when it is not shining. And I believe in love, even when I don't feel it. I believe in God, even, when He is silent!"

### Key to Overflowing Blessings

- Live for Jesus and glorify Him in everything you do
- Do not grieve or quench the Holy Spirit
- Forgive your enemies and pray for them



**Psalms 27: 1.**

“The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?”

From my early childhood days, I have had numerous encounters with the Lord and each encounter has brought me closer to the Lord and strengthened my faith. On 2nd April, while driving from Abu-Dhabi to Dubai, I along with my 2 little children and nanny were involved in a massive pile-up of 150 cars which resulted in many casualties and loss of life. I recollect that helpless moment where everything around me seemed to hold little value, and realized that no matter who you are and what you have on this earth is of no relevance. It is only your Savior in whom you need to trust for safeguarding your precious life, which is a divine gift from God.

Seldom have we realized the plans and the miracles he performs in the lives of people he loves and cares about. This was evident in how he took care of us from the moment I left my home. Though I am very familiar with the routes within and from Abu-Dhabi, on that particular day I kept losing my way and every time I ended at the same spot. I felt silly of driving without any sense of direction for almost 20mts. It was only later, upon reaching the accident site; I realized that the first crash which was fatal occurred 20mts before I reached the site. Had I not lost the way for 20mts, I would have been involved in the initial fatal accident itself which took away few lives. Though another car hit us later, the impact was minimal in comparison to the wreckage of vehicles around

us. It appeared as if Lord had placed a siege around us and safeguarded us.

He had shown me a vision as well couple of days back on the same lines, which again stresses the fact that He shows His chosen ones events that are in store for them so that they can pray and attain deliverance for the same.

I would like to thank my God for saving my family and also for making me a part of this wonderful congregation who prayed and supported us during this ordeal.

Ruby Satyan Abraham

### MFGC Scripture Class Rally 2011

On Friday, 29 Apr, MFGC gathered at the Cambridge school in eager anticipation of the Scripture Class Rally. It was an evening of joy and pride not only for the Scripture class principal and teachers, but also for each parent and member of the MFGC family. The long hours of practice, the tedious hours spent on memorizing the scripts and songs, all bore fruit as the children put up a scintillating performance on stage.

There was a mixture of music, skit, dance and action songs, conveying messages of creation, Jesus’s second coming, the importance of communication etc, enacted by children of various age groups and classes. The teachers were more than eager to ensure that their class performed better than others. The four member jury found it a very tough task to select just two winners from the talented pool of over hundred children on stage. Sharon Abraham and Nithin Titus were announced as the star performers of the evening as they took home the largest of trophies. All the children were given prizes and trophies for their academic performance in the Scripture Class. The event was hosted by Vinoy and Danshy who captivated and entertained the audience with their witty comments.

We congratulate all the children and the teachers of our Scripture Class who strived to make this evening an unforgettable one!



The star performer Sharon Abraham (Female)

The star performer Nithin Titus (Male)